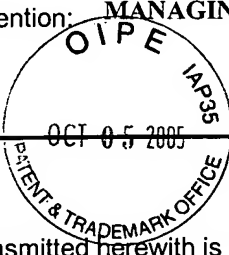
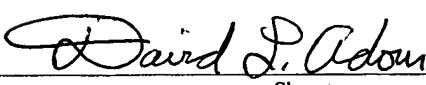
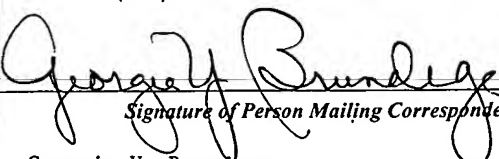


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 15, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-6 and 25, drawn to setting a priority order for accepting a connection request, classified in class 709, subclass 227. This election is made with traverse.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of the Group I claims 1-6 and 25 is sufficiently related to the subject matter of the Group II claims 7-10, 17-24 and 26, and Group III claims 11-16, that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims even if the claims are considered to be directed to independent or distinct inventions. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden,

the Examiner must examine it on the merits". Applicants respectfully submit that this should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from the Applicants prior to examination of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number provided below. Otherwise, Applicants request early and favorable examination of all claims (Group I , II, and III) of the present application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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